

Bryant Vernon Wilson Jr.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Bryant Vernon Wilson Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP., 501 MAIN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/18/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President, Southwest Bank

PINE BLUFF, AR 71601

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
SFNC				(A)	205,853	D	
SFNC				(A)	17,971	I	By ESOP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	01/18/2018		A	715	(2) (2)	Common	715
Performance Stock Unit	(3)	01/18/2018		A	1,430	(4) (4)	Common	1,430

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bryant Vernon Wilson Jr. C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP. 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71601			President, Southwest Bank	

Signatures

/s/ Vernon Wilson Bryant, Jr. by Danielle Hasty
 01/18/2018
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock. 235 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2019; 236 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2020 and 244 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2021. SFNC shares will be delivered within 30 days of vesting. Events such as retirement, death, disability and other specified events in the agreement may result in earlier vesting.
- (3) Each Performance Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock. The shares listed are the maximum number of shares which may vest under this grant. Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for the performance period ending December 31, 2020, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.

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